# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

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## KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT # 31 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-31-13

Cost recovery fisheries are scheduled to begin in the Kitoi Bay Special Harvest Area (SHA) on August 2, 2013; and the Inner Kitoi, Outer Kitoi, Duck and Izhut Bay sections of the Afognak District will remain closed to common property fishing. Fishing opportunities in these areas will be dependent on the ability to meet KRAA cost recovery needs.

There will be a <u>105-hour</u> commercial salmon fishing period from **noon Saturday**, **August 3 to 9:00 p.m. Wednesday**, **August 7** in the following areas:

- The **Northwest Kodiak District** (except the **Terror** and **Uganik Bay** sections <u>will</u> remain closed);
- The Southwest Afognak, Northwest Afognak, Raspberry Strait, Southeast Afognak, Northeast Afognak, and Perenosa Bay sections of the Afognak District.

There will be a 120-hour <u>extension</u> to the current commercial salmon fishing period from 9:00 p.m. Friday, August 2 to 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 7 in the following areas:

- The **Eastside Kodiak District**:
- The Northeast Kodiak District:
- The **Humpy-Deadman Section** of the **Alitak District**; and
- The Outer Ayakulik Section of the Southwest Kodiak District.

## As Previously Announced:

There will be a <u>33-hour</u> commercial salmon fishing period, from <u>noon</u> Thursday, August 1 to 9:00 p.m. Friday, August 2 in the Inner Ayakulik Section of the Southwest Kodiak District. Waters will be open to the stream terminus of the Ayakulik River (stream #256-201).

The following areas remain **open until further notice**:

- The Spiridon Bay Special Harvest Area.

#### Closed Water Adjustments:

Closed waters are **reduced until further notice** in the following locations:

In Saltery Cove, for subsistence fishing, at Saltery Creek (stream# 259-415), at the exit channel terminus at the ocean shoreline.

In that portion of the Northwest Kodiak and Southwest Kodiak districts south of the latitude of Cape Kuliuk, <u>until further notice</u>, Chinook (king) salmon 28 inches or greater in length may not be retained by purse seine gear in the commercial salmon fishery and must be returned to the water unharmed.

Other closed waters are as shown on the Kodiak Area Salmon Statistical Chart and detailed in the Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations (5AAC 18.350).

Statistical Charts, Harvest Strategies, and Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations are available at the Kodiak Fish and Game office. Recent salmon fishery information may be obtained by calling the Department's 24-hour record-a-phone at 486-4559.